

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 426

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Richard S. Jones of  
Lake County.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Richard Jones; and

WHEREAS, Richard Jones was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, for 47 outstanding years, Richard Jones was the publisher and editor of the Lake County Banner; and

WHEREAS, born in Sheldon, Missouri, Mr. Jones graduated from Sheldon High School in 1938; and

WHEREAS, he began his meritorious newspaper career at the tender age of 16, when he became the editor of the Sheldon Enterprise; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 18, Richard Jones became the editor of the nearby Nevada Herald; and

WHEREAS, Richard Jones proudly helped to defend his country in World War II, serving in the United States Marine Corps and the Air Base Group II in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from the prestigious William Allen White School of Journalism at Kansas University in 1949; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, Richard and his brother, the late Howard Jones, bought the Lake County Banner in Tiptonville, which he successfully managed until the time of his death; and

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WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career in the newspaper business, Richard Jones has covered many important events that have marked Lake County's history, such as school consolidation, integration and the location of a state prison in Lake County; and

WHEREAS, during his long, productive tenure, Mr. Jones received numerous honors and accolades, including being named "Man of the Year" by the Ridgely Chamber of Commerce and the Lake County Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, this distinguished journalist was a charter member of the Tiptonville Kiwanis Club, the UTM Development Committee and served on the board of the Lake County Regional Correctional Facility Volunteer Board; and

WHEREAS, he was a founding member of the Reelfoot Arts and Crafts Association and was a former Scoutmaster for Tiptonville Troop 80; and

WHEREAS, despite the many demands that were placed upon him, Richard Jones always found time to serve his community, including his diligent efforts to promote Reelfoot Lake as a tourist attraction; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church in Tiptonville, and was a Sunday School teacher for several years; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Richard Jones leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Richard enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Cara Williams Jones; he was the proud parent of Evan Jones, Sharon Beth Hutchison, Nancy Jones Blake and Laurel Jones Childs; and grandfather of Jeremy Jones, Katie Jones, Richard Evan Swift, Catherine Childs and Casey Childs; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Richard S. Jones, remembering with admiration his fine character and many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Richard S. Jones.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.